

City of Whittier Boat Harbor – Rebuild, Phase I – Update # 7
Recap of Rebuild, Phase I through March 22, 2011

This is a recap of the first 6 weeks of construction and general Harbor business, prepared and presented as a brochure for the Sportsman's Show the week-end of March 25-27, 2011.

Phase 1 of the Harbor Rebuild project involves using the pre-purchased sheet pile; dredging from the West boat launch to just before the City Dock; placing the sheet pile and installing new floats.

The Harbormaster's Office has moved to a meeting room on the first floor, West end (tunnel side) of the Inn at Whittier. There is an outside entrance on the West (tunnel) end of the building, and blue and white signs are up to help guide you to us. **SAFETY ALERT:** *During high wind days, 30 knots and above be very careful when using the outside/West-end door—the door is a challenge to open. The best entrance when it is extremely windy is the front side, single door at the top of the wheel-chair accessible ramp.* Parking for office business is across from the Inn at Whittier.

The parking lot from the Marine Travel Lift to just before the East Gangway has been blocked off for construction staging area and contractor's use.

Parking during March and April will be limited. Vehicle parking will be up against the curb on the East-end of the Harbor parking lot near the East Gangway. The construction staging area will recede as the project progresses and more parking area will be available. Winter/Spring trailer parking will be on the East end of the Harbor parking lot—red and white signs will designate the trailer parking. Please park vehicles with trailers in the North/South direction. Check with the Harbormaster's Office staff for updated parking information.

Progress to date:

1. While the dredging is underway, there will not be any slips available on X-Ray float. This float is not often used in the winter because there is no power. Any 0-28' vessels wanting moorage will be directed to F-float.
2. The Harbor Skiff and shed have been relocated to D-31 temporarily.
3. The West gangway (next to the Harbormaster Building) has been removed; the only access to the floats is from the East Gangway. We have purchased two (2) dock carts for customer use. We are looking into purchasing a few heavier duty wheel-barrow type dock carts and have been approached to partner with the Whittier Boat Owner's Association to cover the cost. Thank you, WBOA!
4. The West grid has been removed, we will only have the East grid.
5. The cross-over dock between C and D floats is from the finger between C-08/10 and over to the finger between D-07/09. Harbor staff added railings to the cross-over for safety and stability.
6. The Harbor Shop has been relocated to a heated container placed between the Harbor Store and the East Gangway. Direction to the Harbor Officers regarding work order requests and general assignments will remain centralized through the Harbor Office staff.
7. There will be no showers in the Harbor front area, although the Anchor Inn Store does have one shower. A Rent-A-Can unit is installed near the East Gangway. We will reassess these needs closer to the season.
8. The Harbormaster's Office Building was moved into the parking lot until dredging and sheet pile installation in that area is completed.
9. Temporary power for floats A, B, and C was installed and will be in service during the Phase I construction project. A generator was also installed for power, if the temporary Chugach Electric power should go out.
10. Potable water is being supplied once a week, by running a line from the fire hydrant near the City Dock onto the floats.
11. The GCI wireless equipment has been relocated in the harbor front area and is operational.
12. The NOAA weather (anemometer) equipment has been moved to the pavilion. When the Harbormaster's office is back in place, the wind gage will be brought back on line.
13. The public radio receiver/transmitter has been relocated to the ARCS shack across the railroad tracks. It will be returned to the Harbormaster's office when the building is back in place.

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Other Harbor business:

Harbor Rate Increases:

It was requested that all Harbor rates be reviewed for rate increases by City Council on December 21, 2010. After comparing our rates with other Harbors in Alaska, the following fees were recommended to be increased and on March 1, 2011, the City Council passed the suggested increases as listed below:

- The Kayak group round trip fee was changed to a group of 4 maximum and increased by \$10.00, from \$25 to \$35.
- The Personal Water Craft fees have been used very little in the past few years: we suggested an increase from \$12/RT to \$15/RT and eliminated the group rate.
- Annual Launch Permit – (pleasure), increase from \$120 to \$150
- NEW: Annual Commercial Launch Permit – This fee would be charged once per year for businesses using the Harbor, Smitty's Cove, and the Head of Passage Canal. The fee includes but is not limited to kayak companies, freight companies, marine service/repair, and charters such as fishing, sightseeing, water-taxi, and "bare-boat". A \$400.00/year Commercial Launch Permit fee was suggested.
- Wait List annual fee – This fee hasn't been increased since 2005. We recommended a \$10 increase to \$50.00/year.
- Annual Parking Permit – This fee hasn't been increased since 2005. We recommended a \$20 increase to \$220/year.
- The annual launch and parking permits are in stock, contact the Harbormaster's Office located at the Inn at Whittier for yours.

Head of Passage Canal (HOPC) Update:

- The 2011 season will have limited access due to construction.
- 3 acre parking lot improvement.
- Kayaks, zodiacs and small watercrafts will be able to launch as usual although access may be limited at times due to construction.
- Army Corp of Engineers are going to be doing a number of feasibility studies thru the summer.
- Construction will begin in late May – Hopefully to be completed by Late August.

Shotgun Cove Road – Phase II:

- Construction will continue from 1st Salmon Run to 2nd Salmon Run this summer.
- Access to Emerald Cove Trail will be limited. We will have set times on the weekends.

Shotgun Cove Road – Phase III:

- Blackstone Road improvements are under design and will be ready for construction late 2011 or early 2012.